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APPARATUS USING SAME

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the above-identified application, pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, in order to bring the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 to the attention of the Examiner.

The subject application is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of Serial No. 10/692,547 filed October 24, 2003, which is a divisional of Serial No. 09/465,674 filed December 17, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,678,492. U.S. Serial No. 09/907,326 filed July 17, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,608,983 issued August 19, 2003, is a Rule 1.53(b) continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674. U.S. Serial No. 10/692,547, U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674 and U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674, and U.S. Patents Nos. 6,678,492 and 6,608,983 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

Copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have previously been submitted to, or cited by, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in prior applications U.S. Serial No. 10/692,547 and/or U.S. Serial No. 09/465,674. The subject application relies upon said prior application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, in compliance with 37

C.F.R. §1.98(d) copies of the references are not being supplied herewith. Rather, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the prior applications, U.S. Serial Nos. 10/692,547 and/or 09/465,674, for copies of the references.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

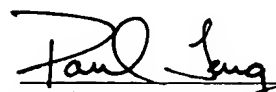
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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